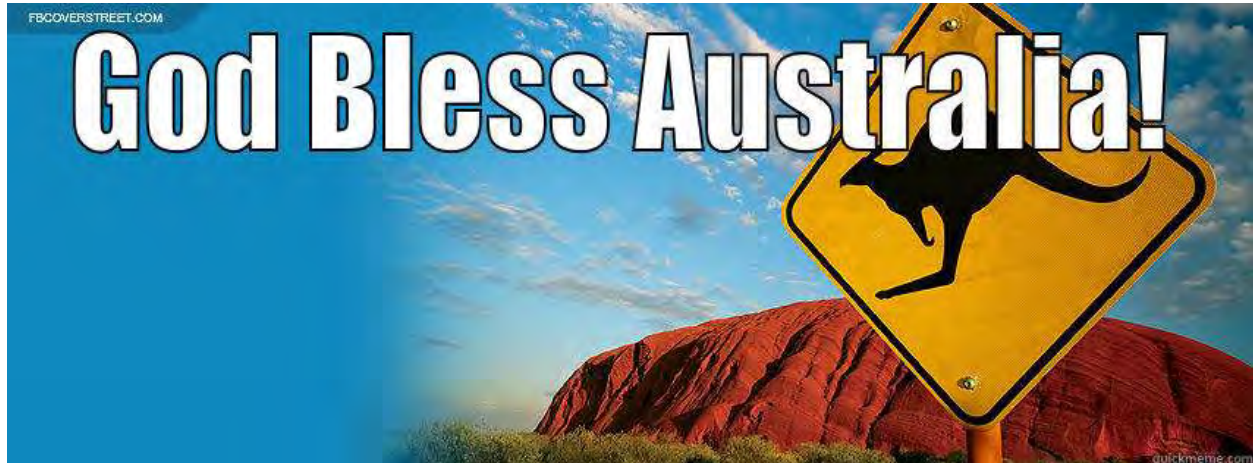


The Unification Church has enormous potential in Australia

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Australia as a nation is like a sleeping baby. Influences are coming from everywhere now to wake this baby up, such as the chaotic internal political situation, the lessening isolation of this continent, and the Unification Church. We know there is an enormous potential here and we work in the highest hope and expectation that it can be used for heavenly purposes.

Centered on Melbourne there are now Principle Families in Adelaide, Perth and Canberra. In all these places we find the longing for genuine leadership and a purpose in life is strong. We can be so grateful that Heavenly Father has chosen to give the Divine Principle to these people at this time.

While we work in our own little way, God is all around us preparing people.

Perth is blessed with a shopping mall to witness in, built soon after the Perth mission began. The family there attracts extra attention by singing together, and they are growing.

We really feel the power of God at work, molding and building us individually and as a family. Bit by bit each member can grow and go on to greater responsibility and new fields. There are so many things always happening here; we can see the future taking shape before our eyes.

Near a tiny town called Emerald in the hills just outside Melbourne, where God's creation clamors for attention, another center exists. This is the recently formed "workshop" center. People are very attracted by this workshop idea. We have lectures, discussions, bushwalking, sports, music, and a movie on Saturday night. In the first few weeks, one sister joined quickly and a brother wants to move in as soon as possible. The workshop staff faces a whole new row of challenges.

We now import ginseng from the Il Hwa Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., Seoul. Our business is incorporated in South Australia, West Australia, and Canberra, with the head office here in Melbourne.

Besides our witnessing team we have a ginseng-selling team which goes from house to house every day till 8 p.m. In Adelaide, Perth and Canberra, the family goes out in the morning selling ginseng and in the afternoon they all go witnessing.

Fundraising is a more or less new experience, and we want to put all our heart into it. Success has been growing steadily. Through fundraising many contacts are made with people who already know us. We see some of the results of our previous work which was invisible. It is like casting a net. You never know what results will come.

Until school finished for the year, we were visiting all the colleges at the universities (particularly Melbourne) at night. We have many good contacts there already and will start again next term.

Rod Cameron and Sandy Brown recently completed an exciting project in which God really showed how He is preparing the way. We wanted to make our Church better known among influential people in Melbourne, especially Victorian politicians.

First they were telephoned, an appointment was made, they were visited and given an explanation of our activities along with a New Hope book. So many of these people feel alone with their responsibilities that they were delighted to find us putting ideals into practice. One immediate result of this work was that we were able to put a long article of our own composition into the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Journal.

With our two brothers Stephen and Bruce working in the capital city -- Canberra -- we are confident that very soon the Unification Church will be known there as well. The name Canberra means "meeting place." Canberra is the product of a struggle which took place in the beginning of the century between Melbourne and Sydney over which city should be chosen as residence for the federal government. The decision was made to select a completely new location.